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U.S. Patent No. 4,061,600 (Moore et al.), dated December 6, 1977;

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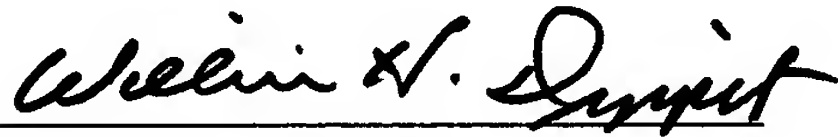
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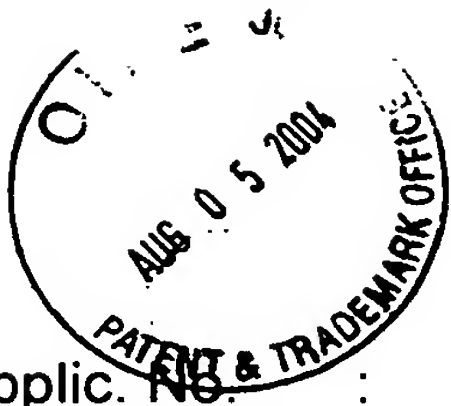
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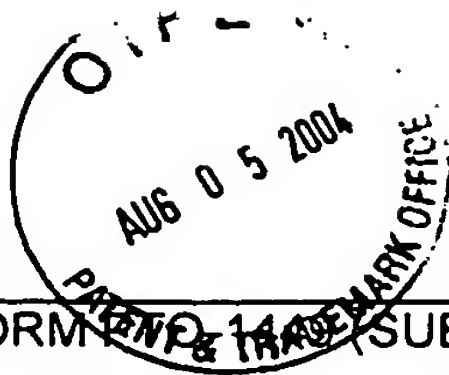
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